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| Applicants: | Ming C. HAO et al. | § | Confirmation No.: | 7017 |
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| For: | A Method For Placement | § | Docket No.: | 10014772-1 |
| | Of Data For Visualization | § | | |
| | Of Multidimensional Data | § | | |
| | Sets Using Multiple Pixel | § | | |
| | Bar Charts | § | | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office action dated January 25, 2006 and the Notice of Appeal filed April 17, 2006, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and corresponding Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.